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POETRY: *A Magazine of Verse*

UNDER THE SUN

TO ONE UNKNOWN

I pass you by in the public street,
O beautiful one, O wind of gladness!
You are a call to me, a promise of mystery,
Of delirium and aching madness.

I pass you by in the public street—
You are a challenge, O entrancer!
I am a boy, afraid, and I pass you by,
Though my heart is breaking to answer!

I pass you by—but the memory of you
Is as a breath from some strange world crying,
As a scent of oranges in the nostrils of the sick,
As music in the ears of the dying.

O MY LOVE

Do not lose yourself, O my love, in song and in music,
Or you will be lost like a dewdrop's dream of the morning
Swept away by a cataract's myriad-throated rushing.
Do not lose yourself in the light words of gay voices,
In the drumming of dancing feet, in the loudness of laughter.
Do not lose yourself, O my love, in song and in music;
For only in the silence can love speak to you,
Only in the silence can you whisper your answer.

Oscar Williams

Do not hide yourself, O my love, in light or in color,
Or you will be hidden as the world is hidden in sunlight
Away from the dreams and the twilights of nebular spaces.
Do not hide yourself in crystal bulbs or in rainbows—
Though romance wears scintillant tinsel, her heart is crying.
Do not hide yourself, O my love, in light or in color;
For only in the darkness can life find you,
Only in the darkness can you follow his light.

MY GREATNESS

When I realized my greatness, at once I shrivelled and
grew little;
As clouds shrivel when they realize the wonders of their
cargoes,
Carrying the fates of flowers and rainbows and the souls
of little children.
The moment I realized how great I was, I was great no
longer.
From the depth of earth and ocean, through the eyes of
flowers and spray,
I gazed at the blue skies across which I had sailed in crimson
splendor;
And slowly and unseen I climbed up the stairways of the
sun-rays,
And slowly and unseen I lifted myself on the wings of the
wind . . .
And I rose from my littleness that was the fulfilment of
my greatness!